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Decision on Petition

In re Application of
Xiong et al.
Application No. 10/821,010
Filed: April 8, 2004
Attorney Docket No. 1014-SP215-US

This is a decision on the petition filed October 18, 2004, which is being treated as a petition under 37 CFR 1.53(e)(2), to establish that page 5 of the drawings, containing Figures 8 and 9, was part of the originally filed application.

The application was filed on April 8, 2004. On August 13, 2004, a Notice was mailed stating that Figures 8 and 9 described in the specification did not appear to be included as part of the application filed.

The present petition alleges that Figures 8 and 9 were deposited on April 8, 2004. In support, petitioner has submitted a postcard receipt which acknowledges receipt of 6 sheets of drawings on April 8, 2004.¹

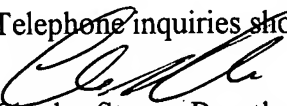
The USPTO file for this application includes only 5 sheets of drawings and does not include the drawing sheet containing Figures 8 and 9 described in the specification. Based on the evidence submitted, the Office concludes the missing page was part of the application but was later misplaced. Therefore, the petition is **granted**.

No petition fee is required and none has been charged.

The Notice mailed August 13, 2004, was sent in error and is hereby vacated.

The Office of Initial Patent Examination will be informed of this decision and will further process the file with a filing date of April 8, 2004, using the application papers filed on April 8, 2004, and the copy of page 5 of the drawings, containing Figures 8 and 9, filed on October 18, 2004. The Office of Initial Patent Examination will also forward the petition to make special to the party responsible for rendering a decision on that petition.

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